

Air Force Court-Martial Summaries

December 2017



This report lists convictions and acquittals for general and special courts-martial. The Air Force publishes these cases for deterrence purposes. Each military justice case must be resolved on its own facts. There are no expected or required dispositions, outcomes, or sentences in any military justice case, other than those resulting from the individual facts and merits of a case and the application of due process of law. Adjudged sentences reported here do not reflect any relief on the sentence that may have been granted during clemency or on appeal. When an Airman agrees to plead guilty to charges in return for some action by the convening authority, those pretrial agreements are noted and any impact on the adjudged sentence is included in the summary.

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General Court-Martial Convictions

1. At JB Langley-Eustis, VA, Airman Basic Eric A. Hyler was found guilty by officer members of aggravated assault upon a child. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 5 years, and reduction to Airman Basic (E-1). Pursuant to a pretrial agreement, the convening authority may not approve confinement in excess of 48 months.
2. At Aviano AB, Italy, Airman Cameron A. Owens was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of attempted murder, aggravated assault, and unlawful entry. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 18 years, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and total forfeiture of pay and allowances.
3. At JB Lewis-McChord, WA, Airman First Class Christian A. Von Ins was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful distribution, use, introduction with intent to distribute, and introduction of controlled substances onto a military installation. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 14 months, and a reprimand. Pursuant to a pretrial agreement, the convening authority may not approve confinement in excess of 11 months.
4. At Vandenberg AFB, CA, Airman Frank A. Murray was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful distribution, use, possession, and introduction of controlled substances onto a military installation. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 13 months, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), total forfeiture of pay and allowances, and a reprimand. Pursuant to a pretrial agreement, the convening authority may not approve confinement in excess of 12 months.
5. At Peterson AFB, CO, Captain Harold D. Johnson was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful use of a controlled substance, obstruction of justice, and false official statement. He was sentenced to confinement for 5 days, a fine of \$3,000, and a reprimand. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.
6. At Ramstein AB, Germany, Captain Sharior Rahman was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of larceny of property valued under \$500 and conspiracy to commit larceny of property valued under \$500. He was sentenced forfeiture of \$3,000 pay for one month.
7. At Barksdale AFB, LA, Second Lieutenant David W. Bruno was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to a dismissal, confinement for 75 days, and total forfeiture of pay and allowances.
8. At Vandenberg AFB, CA, Senior Airman Juwan J. Gabriel was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful distribution, attempted wrongful distribution, use, possession, and introduction of controlled substances onto a military installation, and violating a lawful general regulation by consuming an intoxicating substance in a manner to alter mood or function. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 200 days, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and forfeiture of \$850 pay per month for 10 months. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

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9. At MacDill AFB, FL, Senior Airman Wesley M. James III was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of sexual assault of a child. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 11 months, and reduction to Airman Basic (E-1).

10. At Nellis AFB, NV, Senior Master Sergeant Ruben J. Bonafe-Carnero was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of engaging in an unprofessional relationship, obstruction of justice, and adultery. He was sentenced to confinement for 60 days, reduction to Technical Sergeant (E-6), and a reprimand. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

11. At the U.S. Air Force Academy, CO, Technical Sergeant David C. Bingham was found guilty by officer and enlisted members of possession of child pornography. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 6 months, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and a reprimand.

12. At Hill AFB, UT, a sentencing rehearing was held for Master Sergeant Jason M. Pringle based on a previous conviction for failing to obey lawful orders. He was sentenced to confinement for 45 days, forfeiture of \$600 pay per month for 2 months, and a reprimand. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

General Court-Martial Acquittals

13. At Robins AFB, GA, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by officer and enlisted members of sexual assault.

14. At JB San Antonio-Lackland, TX, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by a military judge sitting alone of sexual assault.

15. At Hurlburt AFB, FL, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by officer and enlisted members of sexual assault.

16. At Shaw AFB, SC, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by officer members of sexual assault, attempted sexual assault, and abusive sexual contact.

Special Court-Martial Convictions

17. At Nellis AFB, NV, Airman First Class Benedetto L. Mancini was found guilty by officer members of wrongful distribution of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to hard labor without confinement for 3 months, restriction to base for 2 months, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for 6 months.

18. At Holloman AFB, NM, Airman First Class Daunavon D. Hart was found guilty by officer members of wrongful use of controlled substances. He was sentenced to confinement for 2 months, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and forfeiture of \$1,066 pay per month for 6 months.

19. At Ellsworth AFB, SD, Airman First Class Justin R. Covington was found guilty by officer members of wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to hard labor without

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confinement for 60 days, restriction to base for 60 days, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for 12 months, and a reprimand.

20. At Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, Airman First Class Kevin T. Santiago was found guilty by officer members of wrongful use of a controlled substance and failure to obey a lawful order. He was sentenced to confinement for 4 months, hard labor without confinement for 1 month, and reduction to Airman Basic (E-1). Pursuant to a pretrial agreement, the convening authority may not approve confinement in excess of 75 days.

21. At Little Rock AFB, AR, Airman First Class Miguel E. Penn was found guilty by officer and enlisted members of reckless driving and willful dereliction of duty by abusing a government travel card. He was sentenced to confinement for 30 days, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), forfeiture of \$750 pay per month for 3 months, and a reprimand.

22. At Scott AFB, IL, Airman First Class Robert J. Ford was found guilty by military judge sitting alone of wrongful distribution, use, possession, and introduction of controlled substances onto a military installation, and being absent without leave. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 120 days, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and forfeiture of \$950 pay per month for 6 months. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

23. At Hill AFB, UT, Airman First Class Scott W. Gates was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful distribution and use of controlled substances, and willful dereliction of duty by providing alcohol to underage persons. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 6 months, and reduction to Airman Basic (E-1). Pursuant to a pretrial agreement, the convening authority may not approve confinement in excess of 5 months.

24. At Holloman AFB, NM, Airman Jacquan E. Hunt was found guilty by officer members of wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge and reduction to Airman Basic (E-1).

25. At Dyess AFB, TX, Senior Airman Chad A. Blatney was found guilty by officer members of wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to hard labor without confinement for 3 months, restriction to base for 2 months, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and forfeiture of \$533 pay per month for 3 months.

26. At Nellis AFB, NV, Senior Airman Christopher J. Gustafson was found guilty by officer members of wrongful use of controlled substances. He was sentenced to confinement for 3 months, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and forfeiture of \$1,066 pay per month for 3 months. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

27. At Peterson AFB, CO, Senior Airman Crystal M. Sanders was found guilty by officer members of wrongful use of controlled substances. She was sentenced to restriction to the local area for 2 months, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and forfeiture of \$1,066 pay per month for 6 months.

28. At JB Andrews, MD, Senior Airman Devon C. Loftin was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful distribution and use of controlled substances. He was sentenced to a

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bad conduct discharge, confinement for 4 months, and reduction to Airman Basic (E-1). The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

29. At Dyess AFB, TX, Senior Airman Dominic M. Gorum-Lohn was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to confinement for 25 days, reduction to Airman (E-2), and a reprimand. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

30. At Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, Senior Airman Jordan K. Hunt was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful distribution of controlled substances. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 3 months, and reduction to Airman Basic (E-1).

31. At Vandenberg AFB, CA, Staff Sergeant Dominique A. Walker was found guilty by officer members of negligent dereliction of duty by offering advice to a subordinate on how to conceal drug ingestion. He was sentenced to reduction to Senior Airman (E-4).

32. At Nellis AFB, NV, Technical Sergeant Stephanie G. Ryder was found guilty by officer members of wrongful use of a controlled substance. She was sentenced to hard labor without confinement for 3 months and reduction to Staff Sergeant (E-5).

Special Court-Martial Acquittals

33. At Ellsworth AFB, SD, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by officer and enlisted members of wrongful use of a controlled substance.